

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The office action of March 1, 2005, has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested.

Status of Parent

Applicant has amended paragraph [01] to indicate the current status of the parent application, now issued U.S. Patent No. 6,691,141, as requested by the Office Action.

Nonstatutory Double-Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-53 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of nonstatutory double-patenting. Applicants submit the attached terminal disclaimer, and respectfully request the rejection be withdrawn.

Comments on Reasons for Allowance

The Office Action provides reasons for allowance of claims 1-53. Insofar as the Office Action invites the Applicant to provide comments on the reasons for allowance, Applicant responds as follows. The examiner's statement of reasons for allowance cites specific features or combinations of features of various claims as supporting their respective allowability. Applicant maintains that each independent claim is allowable based on one or more unique features recited therein, and do not believe the novel aspects of the claims to be so limited to the specific feature or combination of features as indicated in the examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

All rejections having been addressed, applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicits prompt notification of the same. However, if for any reason the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance or there are any questions, the examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (202) 824-3153.

Respectfully submitted,

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